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MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS

Nancy Ginn Martin Collection

Abstract: This manuscript collection contains personal and professional papers related to M. Stanley Ginn. Ginn (1911-2003) served as Prosecuting Attorney for Lawrence County, Superintendent of the Missouri Highway Patrol, served in the military during World War II, worked for the Missouri Book Stores Incorporated (established by his father-in-law and now known as MBI), served on the board of banks, corporations, and more, and was active in the Republican Party.

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HISTORICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

This collection was donated to the Missouri State Archives in 2020 by Nancy Ginn Martin of Boone County. Martin's parents were M. Stanley Ginn (1911-2003) and Rosemary (Lucas) Ginn (1912-2003). Both Ginns held positions in public and private service. Stanley served as Prosecuting Attorney for Lawrence County, Superintendent of the Missouri Highway Patrol,

served in the military during World War II, worked for the Missouri Book Stores Incorporated (established by his father-in-law and now known as MBI), served on the board of banks, corporations, and more, and was active in the Republican Party. This collection contains items related to his careers and personal life.

ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

Related Collections

RG111 Department of Public Safety
RG600 Supreme Court of Missouri
RG709 Boone County
RG754 Lawrence County

Additional External Resources

Rosemary Lucas Ginn (1912-2003) Papers, 1950-1985 at The State Historical Society of Missouri, collection #C3964. Finding aid available online [here](#).

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CLARK NATIONAL FOREST RECORDS (1939-1973)

Extent: 6 pages

Arrangement: None

Accession: #2020-0006

Scope and Content

Records related to the Cedar Creek Purchase Unit of Clark National Forest in Boone and Callaway Counties. Clark National Forest was established in 1939. A few months after the letter in the correspondence folder below was written in 1973, the Clark National Forest was absorbed by Mark Twain National Forest.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	166	11	Correspondence related to the purchase of the Cedar Creek Purchase Unit of Clark National Forest (Boone and Callaway Counties). Letter from U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service to landowners Mr. and Mrs. M. Stanley Ginn. Also includes a map with the purchase area outlined.	1972-1973
	OB49	3	Map: Jefferson City Quadrangle 15-Minute Series by United States Department of Interior Geological Survey and State of Missouri Geological Survey and Water Resources. 17" x 21" (NOTE: This map can be found online through USGS's TopoView .)	1939

PERSONAL RECORDS (1935-1994)

Extent: 0.13 Cubic Feet

Arrangement: By topic, then chronological

Accession: #2020-0142; #2020-0163

Scope and Content

Although the folders containing personal correspondence are categorized as “personal,” some also overlap with the Republican Party series. Many of them are political in nature. The personal correspondence contains several letters from elected officials, including Congressman Dewey Short.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	166	12	Résumé of M. Stanley Ginn	1979
	166	13	World War II Navy materials for M. Stanley Ginn, 3 items: 1) Correspondence (6 items), 2) 1946 <i>Manual Explanatory of the Privileges, Rights, and Benefits Provided for Persons Who Served in the Armed Forces...</i> , 3) Veterans Administration Technical Bulletin 02/28/1947	1944-1947
	166	14	Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity items	1943
	166	15	Personal correspondence to, from and related to M. Stanley Ginn	n.d.
	166	16	Personal correspondence to, from and related to M. Stanley Ginn	1935
	166	17	Personal correspondence to, from and related to M. Stanley Ginn	1936
	166	18	Personal correspondence to, from and related to M. Stanley Ginn	1937
	166	19	Personal correspondence to, from and related to M. Stanley Ginn	1938
	166	20	Personal correspondence to, from and related to M. Stanley Ginn	1939
	166	21	Personal correspondence to, from and related to M. Stanley Ginn	1940
	166	22	Personal correspondence to, from and related to M. Stanley Ginn	1941
	166	23	Personal correspondence to, from and related to M. Stanley Ginn	1942
	166	24	Personal correspondence to, from and related to M. Stanley Ginn	1943
	166	25	Personal correspondence to, from and related to M. Stanley Ginn	1944

	166	26	Personal correspondence to M. Stanley Ginn	1994
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LAWRENCE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY RECORDS (1935-1941)

Extent: 0.14 Cubic Feet

Arrangement: None

Accession: #2020-0142; #2020-0136

Scope and Content

M. Stanley Ginn served as Lawrence County Prosecuting Attorney from 1935 to 1941. These are his copies of some of the records kept during that tenure and include correspondence, court dockets, records pertaining to criminal and civil cases and more.

Documents may contain personal identifying information, such as birth certificates, which are closed records. Until the closed items are processed and separated, **folders 1-4 are RESTRICTED to staff access only.**

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	166	27	Correspondence to and from other states wherein Ginn asked them for their state's arson laws.	c1938-1940
	166	28	General correspondence. Includes photocopies of correspondence with the F.B.I. regarding the Cotton Hemphill murder (1936).	1935-1938
	166	29	Materials from Pendleton vs. Vogt (unprocessed)	1937
	166	30	Financial records – cancelled receipts and checks as well as a copy of the 1933 law stating prosecuting attorneys are entitled to reimbursement of expenses	1933-1936
	267	1-2	Miscellaneous attorney records – RESTRICTED	1935-1941
	267	3-4	Majestic Flour Mill arson case – RESTRICTED	1939-1940

MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL CORRESPONDENCE (1941-1944)

Extent: 0.16 Cubic Feet

Arrangement: Chronological

Accession: #2020-0142; #2020-0163

Scope and Content

M. Stanley Ginn served as Superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol from 1941 to 1944. This record series contains correspondence sent and received by Ginn during his tenure as Superintendent.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	267	5	Correspondence	1941
	267	6	Correspondence	1942
	267	7	Correspondence	1943
	267	8	Correspondence	1944

MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL CASE FILE (1944)

Extent: 0.07 Cubic Feet; 29 Photographs

Arrangement: Open photographs, then restricted

Accession: #2020-0163

Scope and Content

On April 16-17, 1944, the headless bodies of two women were discovered at Lake of the Ozarks. As Superintendent of the Highway Patrol, M. Stanley Ginn investigated. This record series contains photographs from the investigation. **Because of the graphic content of some images, those particular photographs are CLOSED pursuant to RSMo § 610.205.**

One month into the investigation, the bodies were identified as mother and daughter Pearl Fairfax, 59, and Mollie Mattie Holland (aka Mattie Mollie), 35*, of La Monte, Pettis County. Holland's husband Edgar Holland was arrested on May 20, 1944 for first-degree murder. He was sentenced in the Pettis County Circuit Court to life in prison. Holland appealed and the Missouri Supreme Court affirmed the lower court's ruling.

**Her death certificate says she is 34, but earlier records point to her being 35, particularly a 1910 census where she is listed as one year old. Some newspapers report 36.*

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	267	9	Photographs of the lake, investigators and a house that matches newspaper photos of the Holland home in La Monte, MO. 1) Image of Lake of the Ozarks. A sign reading "Hymes Kamp" is posted on the opposite shore. 2) Several investigators stand on the lakeshore. There is a boat moored near them. A sign reading "Pla-Port" is visible in the distance on the opposite side of the lake. 3) Several investigators stand on the lakeshore. One is talking to a man in overalls. There is a boat moored near them. 4) Image of four men – two on the shore, two in a boat. 5) Investigators have wrapped up one of the bodies and are preparing to take it away on a stretcher. 6) Interior of the Holland house showing a doorway, broom, metal can, glass jug, and coat hanging on the wall. 7) Interior of the Holland house showing ripped-up floorboards in a doorway. A metal can and glass jug are in the corner.	April 1944

			<p>8) Interior of the Holland house showing ripped-up floorboards in a doorway. A hammer, screwdriver and broom are visible.</p> <p>9) Interior of the Holland house showing a kitchen or pantry. Two shelves full of glass jars, an ironing board, paper bag, chair, table and buckets are visible.</p> <p>10) Interior of the Holland house looking through a doorway toward a refrigerator.</p> <p>11) "Blood spot on chair" – close-up of a chair leg in the Holland house.</p> <p>12) Exterior view of the Holland house.</p> <p>13) Exterior view of the Holland house. A Patrolman stands outside.</p>	
	267	10	<p>Sixteen photographs of the two headless bodies discovered at Lake of the Ozarks. These records are CLOSED pursuant to RSMo § 610.205.</p> <p>The first photograph in this series is on a letter with Missouri State Highway Patrol letterhead. Because the image is graphic, the letter is closed, but the associated text is reprinted here:</p> <p>"May 6, 1944 TO: DOCTORS AND HOSPITALS The photograph below shows one of two headless female bodies found in the Lake of the Ozarks April 16, 1944. This is sent to you in an effort to establish identity of this woman. The description is as follows: Age 55-60; height 5 feet 9 inches; weight 230 pounds; black hair; part of lower jaw was intact with 7 teeth; gall bladder removed, leaving an old scar on upper right abdomen 7-5/8 inches long, paralleling the outer margin of the right rectus muscle (upper end is circular indicating the wound had been drained); adhesions in the gall bladder bed between the liver and abdominal viscera; nail of the right great toe had been removed apparently surgically. If you have knowledge or record of a person whose description corresponds to that of this victim, please communicate with us immediately. Yours very truly, M. STANLEY GINN Superintendent"</p>	April 1944

CASE FILE: STATE OF MISSOURI VS. FLOYD COCHRAN (1946)

Extent: 0.02 Cubic Feet

Arrangement: None

Accession: #2020-0163

Scope and Content

These are files from the case State of Missouri vs. Floyd Cochran for the first-degree murder of Marylou Jenkins in Columbia, Boone County, on February 5, 1946. Cochran was found guilty and executed by the state on September 26, 1947. This case is highly controversial because of the nature of Cochran's confession and the question as to whether or not it was coerced by investigators. Cochran was an African-American man and the victim was a white woman.

Documents are unsigned, unofficial photocopies.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	268	1	State Warrant	03/01/1946
	268	2	Information (prosecuting attorney George A. Spencer's statement)	03/01/1946
	268	3	Jury Instructions	n.d.

CASE FILE: STATE OF MISSOURI VS. JAKE BRADFORD, JR. (1949-1951)

Extent: 0.16 Cubic Feet

Arrangement: None

Accession: #2020-0142

Scope and Content

These are public defender M. Stanley Ginn's files on State of Missouri vs. Jake Bradford, Jr., a black man, who was accused of raping a white teenaged girl in 1949. Bradford was found guilty by the Boone County Circuit Court. Ginn appealed the case on his client's behalf to the Missouri Supreme Court where he argued that Bradford's confession was coerced by investigators. The Supreme Court reversed and remanded the case.

Pursuant to RSMo §595.037, public defender files on (2) rape and (3) minor victims are closed records. **Therefore, this record series is CLOSED.** RSMo §595.226 further provides that Missouri court records concerning rape shall be redacted of the victim's name.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	268	4-6	Ginn's public defender files on State vs. Bradford. Records are unprocessed.	1949-1951

CASE FILE: MUELLER VS. POWELL, WEDEMIER AND GINN (1950-1953)

Extent: 0.25 Cubic Feet

Arrangement: Chronological

Accession: #2020-0142

Scope and Content

On the night of March 18/19, 1950, thirteen-year-old Janett Christman was babysitting for the Romack family in Columbia, Boone County. When Mr. and Mrs. Romack returned home, they found her murdered. The Romacks' friend Robert Mueller was implicated in the crime.

Because of his background with two similar cases where he served as lawyer to the defendant (see Bradford Case File) M. Stanley Ginn was brought in to witness the interrogation of Mueller as performed by Sheriff Glenn Powell and Deputy Sheriff Julius Wedemier. At that point, Ginn held an honorary deputy sheriff's commission. Mueller sued the three for a violation of his rights under *habeas corpus*. These documents relate to the *habeas corpus* case, heard by the District Court of the United States for the Central Division of the Western District of Missouri and on appeal to the United States Court of Appeals Eighth Circuit.

See the Scrapbooks Series for more on this case.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	OB49	4	Newspaper clipping from the Columbia Tribune about the murder of Janett Christman	03/20/1950
	268	7	Correspondence	1950-1953
	268	8	History (handwritten and typed copies)	n.d.
	268	9	Research notes	1951
	268	10	Memo on Constitutional law damages for deprivation of civil rights. Does not seem to have been filed with any court.	11/20/1951

District Court of the United States for the Central Division of the Western District of Missouri:

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	268	11	Complaint (2 copies)	n.d.
	268	12	Summons	10/22/1951
	268	13	Application for Extension of Time to Plead and Order approving application	11/13/1951
	268	14	Count I (starts with paragraph 14), likely a draft of Ginn's answer to the charges against him	n.d.
	268	15	Separate Answer of Defendant M. Stanley Ginn (2 copies)	n.d.

	268	16	Separate Answer of Defendant Glen Powell	n.d.
	268	17	Separate Answer of Defendant Julius Wedemier	n.d.
	268	18	Defendant, M. Stanley Ginn's Motion for More Definitive Statement (2 versions)	11/29/1951 & 12/01/1951
	268	19	Suggestions in Support of Defendant, M. Stanley Ginn's Motion for More Definitive Statement	12/01/1951
	268	20	Draft affidavits of Julius Wedemier, Sheriff Glenn Powell and M. Stanley Ginn	1952
	268	21	Order on Motion to Make More Definitive and Certain	01/26/1952
	268	22	Letter from Ginn's lawyers accompanied by two copies of Interrogatories directed to Robert P. Mueller.	03/11/1952
	268	23	Notes and testimony, some from an inquest	03/20/1952
	268	24	Joint filing. 1) Motion of Defendant M. Stanley Ginn for Summary Judgment; 2) Suggestions in Support of said Motion; 3) Affidavits of M. Stanley Ginn, Glenn Powell, Julius Wedemier; 4) Statement of Mr. Edward Romack, marked Exhibit A; 5) Statement of Mrs. Ann Browning Romack, marked Exhibit B.	04/21/1952
	268	25	Suggestions in Opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Strike or in the Alternative Submit with the Case Defendant M. Stanley Ginn's Motion for Summary Judgment	04/29/1952
	268	26	Memorandum Opinion on Motion to Dismiss or for a Summary Judgment As to Co-defendant M. Stanley Ginn (2 copies)	05/03/1952
	268	27	Order [on motion for judgment for Ginn]	05/03/1952
	268	28	Memorandum Opinion (2 copies)	06/04/1952
	268	29	Request for Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law [by Glenn Powell and Julius Wedemier]. Judgment attached.	June 1952
	268	30	Order	07/07/1952

United States Court of Appeals Eighth Circuit:

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	268	31	Appellee's Brief for M. Stanley Ginn	n.d.
	268	32	Appellees' Brief for Glenn Powell and Julius Wedemier. Includes two pages of yearbook printouts from kewpie.net printed on 12/25/2010, likely printed by Ginn and inserted in the brief. (WARNING: Brief contains graphic content in the form of photographs. Contents are restricted.)	n.d.
	268	33	Rehearing Denied (modern copy made from courts.gov on 05/26/2011)	06/02/1953

MISCELLANEOUS LEGAL RECORDS (c1947-c1951)

Extent: 0.18 Cubic Feet

Arrangement: None

Accession: #2020-0142

Scope and Content

These are legal records M. Stanley Ginn collected over the years. They include deeds, marriage licenses and applications, wills, etc. Some are for Ginn himself, but most concern other people. This series is unprocessed.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	270	1	Unprocessed legal records, various	
	270	2	Abstract of title for land in Columbia, Boone County	c1947
	270	3	Abstract of title for land on Ridgely Road, Columbia, Boone County	c1951

REPUBLICAN PARTY POLITICAL RECORDS

Extent: 0.90 Cubic Feet

Arrangement: None

Accession: #2020-0142

Scope and Content

M. Stanley Ginn and his wife Rosemary (Lucas) Ginn were active in the Republican Party for most of their adult lives. According to his résumé, Stanley served:

Chairman Republican County Committee, Lawrence County, Missouri	1936-1941
Regional Director National Young Republicans	
Young Republican National Committeeman for Missouri	1939-1941
Executive Committee Republican State Committee	8 years, not specified
Chairman Republican County Committee for Boone County	1948-1963
Member Republican State Committee for Missouri	1950-1968

These materials are unprocessed and concern Republican Party meetings and endorsements of various types. They seem to be Stanley's personal copies.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	269		Unprocessed materials	

SCRAPBOOKS (1937-2011)

Extent: 0.25 Cubic Feet

Arrangement: N/a

Accession: #2020-0163

Scope and Content

These are scrapbooks compiled by M. Stanley Ginn, Matilda Gonnem and Nancy Ginn Martin chronicling Ginn's tenure in the Missouri Highway Patrol and in the Robert Mueller case.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	270	4	Highway Patrol scrapbook #1 – history of the Patrol, correspondence, newspaper clippings, personnel lists, award, 1943-1944 Missouri State Highway Patrol Biennial Report	1937-2011
	OB49	5	Highway Patrol scrapbook #2 – loose newspaper clippings in a folder. Compiled by Matilda Gonnem. Contents are in fragile condition and need conservation work. Includes one 7"x5" b&w photograph of Ginn at his desk. Measures 12.25" x 16.25".	1937-1943
	270	5	Robert Mueller scrapbook – newspaper clippings involving the Mueller case against Ginn et al. (See also the Case File series)	1951-1952

REFERENCE MATERIALS (1937)

Extent: 0.05 Cubic Feet

Arrangement: N/a

Accession: #2020-0163

Scope and Content

Published reference materials M. Stanley Ginn used for research.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	270	6	<i>The Hevenor Handy Book of Loose Leaf County Maps Missouri – for Executives – District Managers – Salesmen Associations – Tourists.</i> Copyright The Charles D. Hevenor Co., Inc., Buffalo, NY. Includes index in the front. Missing pp. 3-90. Maps show roads, county borders, towns, political townships, some geographic features. Reverse of each map is a list of towns, recognized business places and post offices. Some include sales statistics of mimeograph supplies from 1934-1935.	1937

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS (1922-1944)

Extent: 0.12 Cubic Feet

Arrangement: Chronological

Accession: #2020-0142; #2020-0163

Scope and Content

Miscellaneous materials collected by M. Stanley Ginn.

Container List

Location	Box	Folder	Contents	Date
	271	1	Minutes of the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Missouri. This pre-dates Ginn's tenure as Lawrence County Prosecutor. The records are loose-leaf pages of minutes, newspaper clippings, rosters, the Association's constitution, a folded arson document that may relate to the Majestic Flour Mill arson case (making it later than 1935), tri-folded statement of receipts and disbursements for the Association. Records need conservation work.	1922-1935
	271	2	Ancient Free and Accepted Masons: unprocessed masonic materials to include correspondence, receipts for dues, newsletters, etc.	1941-1944
	271	3	Metro Club materials, unprocessed. Includes Kansas City, Aurora, Springfield and National Metro Clubs.	